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Redskins, Zorn Get Down to Business



MEET AND GREET: Redskins running back Clinton Portis, left, signs a drawing of the late Sean Taylor at Redskins Park on Sunday. The first day of training camp got off to a rocky start as defensive end Phillip Daniels injured his left knee. He will miss the season. < **Bad start:** Redskins scramble to fill holes | **Page 11**

Obama Meets Afghan Leader

Talks with Karzai cap visit to key front in the war on terror

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama pledged steadfast aid to Afghanistan in talks Sunday with its Western-backed leader and vowed to pursue the war on terror "with vigor" if elected, an Afghan official said.

On the second day of an international tour designed to burnish his foreign policy credentials, the Illinois senator and a pair of colleagues held two hours of talks with President Hamid Karzai at his palace in the capital.

Obama has chided Karzai for not doing more to build confidence in his government, which remains weak after the ouster of the Taliban in 2001.

He made no public comment after the meeting but said in a written statement that his main purpose was to see U.S. troops, thank them for their "extraordinary service" and let them know the U.S. is proud of them.

Obama said he and his colleagues were talking to military and diplomatic leaders,



Obama

and Afghanistan's leaders about whether the U.S. has the right strategy and resources to defeat the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Obama has made Afghanistan a centerpiece of his proposed strategy for dealing with terrorism threats. He has said the war in Afghanistan, where Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants are resurgent, deserves more troops and more attention as opposed to the conflict in Iraq. (AP)



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SNOBBERY

Officer Not Satisfied Ripping Off 7-Elevens, Dunkin' Donuts

An internal affairs report says a Daytona Beach, Fla., police officer demanded free coffee and tea from a Starbucks and threatened employees with slower emergency response times if they refused. Lt. Major Garvin, a 15-year veteran, was fired July 8. According to the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Chief Mike Chitwood says Garvin recently failed a polygraph test that he insisted on taking. The coffeehouse's employees claim that since June 2007, Garvin visited the store as many as six times a night while on duty. Besides demanding free drinks, workers complained that Garvin also cut in line in front of paying customers. A telephone listing for Garvin could not be found. (AP)



SILLY

Transparent Carbon Chunks Cause Fervor

A Staten Island jeweler has gotten her \$20,000 3-carat diamond earrings back after she, her husband and city sanitation employees sorted through a smelly heap of garbage. The studs were in a

small jar of cleaning solution, which a worker at the couple's jewelry store had accidentally thrown away. The earrings were recovered Thursday at the site of the former Fresh Kills landfill. The earrings were in a load of trash destined to be compacted and shipped out of state. Owner Haya Sharon calls the find "a miracle." (AP)



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ATTACHED

The Defiant Ones, but Avian

A pair of conjoined barn swallows, attached at the hip, will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution for study, Arkansas wildlife officials said Friday. It could prove to be an incredibly rare find — a set of conjoined twins among birds. "I can't even say it's one in a million — it's probably more than that," said Karen Rowe, an ornithologist." (AP)

CLIQUE

John Smith Club Is Ready to Rumble

Jim Smith says he's never met a Jim Smith he didn't like. And he's met more

than most. That's because the 71-year-old is in Pittsburgh for the four-day Jim Smith Society Fun Fest. The society was formed in 1969 by a local Jim Smith to celebrate one of the most common names in the United States. Today, the

group boasts about 1,900 members. To join the Jim Smith Society, potential members must, naturally, be named Jim Smith, but even this rule is flexible. Two women, both named Jimmy Anne Smith, have joined. (AP)

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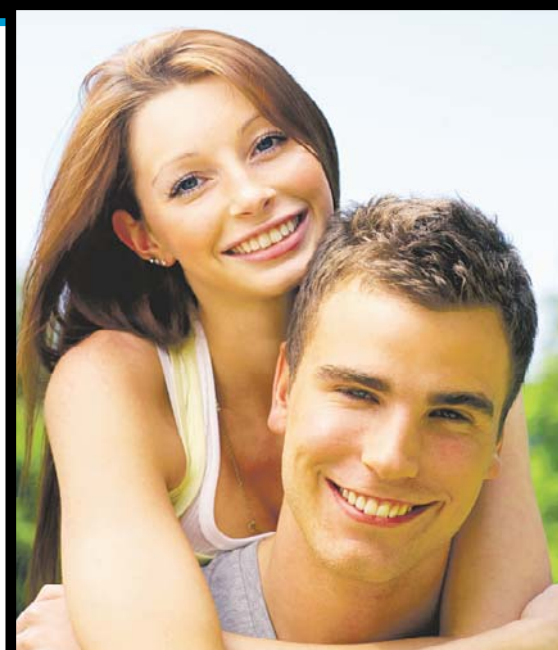


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—Former vice president Al Gore, on the presidential candidacy of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton

Nation

Woman Is Charged in Baby Theft

Suspect allegedly cut open woman to take child, ending her life

PITTSBURGH | A woman suspected of cutting open a pregnant woman's uterus and stealing the baby has been charged with homicide, unlawful restraint and kidnapping, police said Sunday.

Andrea Curry-Demus, 38, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., is charged in the death of Kia Johnson, 18, of McKeesport, Pa. Curry-Demus is accused of taking the baby boy to a Pittsburgh hospital and claiming it was her own.

Johnson's body was found Friday in Curry-Demus' apartment. The body was positively identified through dental records, Allegheny County Medical Examiner Karl Williams said Sunday.

Police said in court papers that video surveillance at the Allegheny County Jail from Tuesday afternoon shows Curry-Demus talking with Johnson for several minutes. The women were at the jail visiting different inmates, police said.

Curry-Demus had denied meeting Johnson, police said in court papers. RAMESH SANTANAM (AP)

Mullen: Iraq Timetable 'Dangerous'

Joint Chiefs chairman says quick pullout may jeopardize progress

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon's top military officer said Sunday a specific time frame for withdrawing U.S. combat troops from Iraq could jeopardize political and economic progress, leading to "dangerous consequences."

Adm. Mike Mullen said the agreement between President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-

Maliki to set a "general time horizon" for bringing more troops home was a sign of "healthy negotiations for a burgeoning democracy."

When asked about the possibility of withdrawing all combat troops within two years, Mullen said, "I think the consequences could be very dangerous."

"It hard to say exactly what would happen. I'd worry about any kind of rapid movement out and creating instability where we have stability," the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said.



Adm. Mike Mullen says Iraq policy must be driven by conditions on the ground.

The best way to determine troops levels, he said, is to assess the conditions on the ground and to consult with American commanders — the mission Bush has given him.

Al-Maliki was quoted by a German magazine over the weekend as saying U.S. troops should leave "as soon as possible," and he called Democrat Barack Obama's suggestion of 16 months "the right time-frame for a withdrawal." Later, his chief spokesman said the prime minister's comments were "not conveyed accurately." (AP)

NEW YORK | A WALK IN THE PARK



GAME TIME: Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, right, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, left, and his wife, Judith Giuliani, walk through Monument Park in Yankee Stadium before attending a game Sunday. The two Republicans are longtime friends, and there has been speculation that Giuliani could be McCain's vice presidential pick. "You hear all kinds of stuff, but I'm not thinking about anything but helping to get [McCain] elected," Giuliani said.

Inmate Loses Weight, Escapes Through Air Vent

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS | A man charged with murder escaped from jail early Saturday by climbing through an air conditioner vent, authorities said.

The vent was less than a foot wide, and authorities said Darryl Layne Norris had been losing weight since arriving at the Waller County Jail in April.

"We just found out he's been slimming down a lot recently," Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith said.

The jail noticed the 6-foot, 160-pound man was missing after performing a routine head count. Norris, 26, is charged with murder in connection with a convenience store robbery and is at large. (AP)

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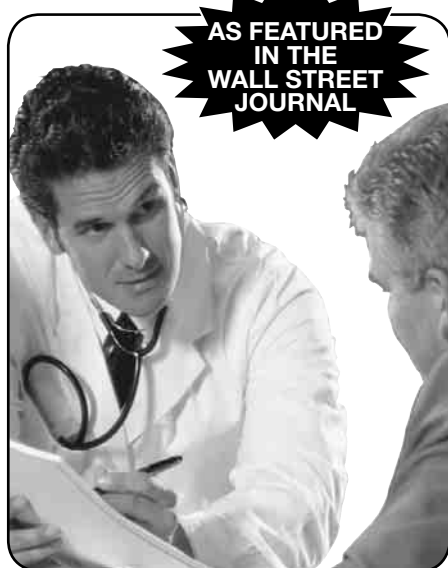
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The fine, in dollars, for publicly showing three inches or more of underwear in the Chicago suburb of Lynwood. The American Civil Liberties Union says the fine is discriminatory.



Tiereny Lloyd picks up her repaired shoes from Alexandria Shoe Repair and Leather Service in Alexandria, Va. "A younger crowd who lives in the disposable world are now realizing they can have their shoes repaired," said store owner Barbara Steube.

Thrifty, but for How Long?

Americans' recent shift to frugality could bring a new mind-set

NEW YORK | Adrienne Radtke plans to keep riding her bike to work even if gas prices drop. Steve Pizzini got rid of his Cadillac Escalade in favor of a 16-year-old Acura.

"I had a paradigm shift," said Pizzini, a financial analyst from Pennsylvania. "I spent the money on a nice car. But to me, it's not worth it. I don't think I will go that route again."

Every economic downturn changes shoppers in some way. But this time, experts say the new behavior — fueled by higher gas and food prices, tightening credit and a slumping housing market — are the most dramatic and wide-

Retailers are trying to figure out which habits shoppers will keep when the economy recovers.

spread that they have seen since the mid-1970s.

So, retailers and marketers are trying to figure out which habits shoppers will keep and which they will drop when the economy recovers. Will the people who switched to store-brand ice cream go back to Breyers or Edy's? Will shoppers return to department stores or keep looking for labels at T.J. Maxx?

Wendy Liebmann, president of WSL Strategic Retail, says people's new spending patterns are forcing companies to change the kinds of products they sell and tweak their marketing to appeal to cost-conscious shoppers. She points to the last big recession of the early 1990s that helped trigger a fundamental shift in retailing as affluent shoppers started buying at discounters.

A rebounding economy may let some consumers revert to their old ways — but with more economists believing that the current woes will last well into next year, many think the underlying frugality will linger.

"People are spending money on food and the products they need to sustain life," said Todd Hale, senior vice president at Nielsen.

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

Paulson: Months of Trouble Ahead

WASHINGTON | Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson sought to reassure an anxious public Sunday that the banking system is sound, while also bracing people for more troubled times ahead.

"I think it's going to be months

that we're working our way through this period — clearly, months," he said.

Paulson said the number of troubled banks will increase as they struggle to cope with big losses. "Of course, the list is going to grow

longer given the stresses we have in the marketplace."

Paulson went on the Sunday talk shows to tell people that deposits up to \$100,000 are fully insured. He said no one has lost a penny on an insured deposit in the 75 years the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has operated. (AP)

Nation



Gas prices are seen at station in San Mateo, Calif. A federal tax on gasoline generates revenue for the Highway Trust Fund, which is used to pay for road projects.

Job Fears Doom Gas Tax Proposal

Shortfall in highway fund puts Congress in a difficult position

WASHINGTON | The political vision of a summer gas tax holiday died a quick death in Congress, losing to a view that federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel will have to go up if they go anywhere.

Despite calls from the presidential campaign trail for a Memorial Day-to-Labor Day moratorium, lawmakers quickly concluded — with a prod from the construction industry — that having \$9 billion less to spend on highways could create a pre-election specter of thousands of job losses.

Now, lawmakers are talking quietly about raising fuel taxes by a dime from the current 18.4 cents a gallon on gasoline and 24.3 cents on diesel fuel.

With gas prices setting new records on a daily basis, Republican presidential hopeful John McCain and former Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton called for a 90-day suspension of the federal fuel tax to give drivers a little relief at the pump. The fuel taxes go into

the Highway Trust Fund, which is used for road construction and repair and mass transit.

House Transportation Committee Chairman James Oberstar, D-Minn., and highway subcommittee chairman Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., presented fellow lawmakers with a list of how many jobs and how much money each state would lose — from \$30 million and 1,000 jobs in Vermont to \$664 million and 23,000 jobs in California.

Just three years ago, that trust fund enjoyed a surplus of \$10 billion. Even without a moratorium, it is projected to finish 2009 with a deficit of \$3 billion, a number that could grow as Americans drive less.

The consequence of that shortfall is that only about \$27 billion in federal money will be available next year to states and local governments for new infrastructure investment.

Now Congress has to deal with the short-term deficit crisis in the trust fund and come up with a new spending plan, including revisiting the gas tax issue, when the current six-year, \$286 billion highway-transit act expires in September 2009.

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PET PROTECTOR: An elderly Australian woman's pet dog came to her rescue on Saturday after she was attacked by a kangaroo, Agence France-Presse reported. Most kangaroo species are not aggressive toward humans, and attacks are extremely rare.

In Brief



A soldier patrols in front of a billboard for provincial elections in Basra, Iraq.

BAGHDAD

Election Authority Proposes Delay on Key Provincial Vote

Iraq's election authority proposed Sunday to delay important provincial balloting in an apparent sign of frustration over a political impasse that has stalled preparations for voting planned for this fall. The provincial election plan would shift more political powers to regions and is viewed by Sunni Arabs as a path to gaining more influence over decisions by the Shiite-led government. The Election Commission offered a possible new date of Dec. 2 for the vote. (AP)

ANKARA, TURKEY

3 Germans Seized by Kurdish Rebels Freed in Good Health

Three Germans seized by Kurdish rebels during a climbing expedition on Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey more than a week ago were released Sunday in good condition, authorities said. The hostages were released at noon, the pro-Kurdish news agency Firat quoted the Kurdistan Workers' Party rebel command as saying. The men were kidnapped from eastern Agri Province on July 8, allegedly as a rebel protest against a German crackdown on the group. (AP)

CANTERBURY, ENGLAND

Anglican Leader: Fellowship Faces Severe Challenge

The head of the Anglican Communion said Sunday that the global fellowship faces "one of the most severe challenges" in its history. He urged bishops at their once-a-decade Lambeth Conference to do the hard work of finding solutions. Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams said the Anglican family's most immediate need is for "transformed relationships" so they don't break over homosexuality and the Bible. (AP)

Obama Likely to Meet Iraq Leaders

Presidential candidate may talk to al-Maliki, U.S. Gen. Petraeus

BAGHDAD | Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's visit to Iraq for talks with commanders of a war he long opposed follows the Iraqi prime minister's apparent endorsement of his troop withdrawal plan and a shift by the White House away from refusing to discuss that option.

Obama has called for withdrawing U.S. troops at the rate of one or

two brigades a month, ending combat operations within 16 months of becoming president. He favors leaving behind a residual force to protect U.S. personnel, train Iraqi security forces and protect against counter attacks by al-Qaeda.

The Illinois senator, challenged at every turn on the Iraq issue by Republicans, including presidential rival Sen. John McCain, was expected to arrive in the country amid the controversy over comments by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that were supportive of Obama's 16-month timetable.



Barack Obama shakes the hand of a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan on Sunday.

Obama was visiting as part of a congressional delegation that includes Sens. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Jack Reed, D-R.I. — all longtime critics of U.S. involvement in Iraq — after stops in Afghanistan and Kuwait.

In Iraq, Obama was expected to meet with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander, and al-Maliki. His aides provided few details, however, citing security concerns.

The trip will be Obama's second to Iraq, but conditions now are quite different from what they were when he visited in January 2006.

BRIAN MURPHY (AP)

MEXICO CITY | 1 MILLION RALLY AGAINST REBELS



INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION: Colombians participate in a rally in Mexico City to demand freedom for hostages held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia on Sunday. More than 1 million people marked Colombia's independence day with marches in Colombia and about 40 cities worldwide, including Paris, London and Beijing.

9 Afghans Killed in Confusion

Police die after Afghan, U.S.-led forces mistake each other for militants

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | U.S.-led troops and Afghan forces killed nine Afghan police Sunday, calling in airstrikes and fighting on the ground for four hours after both sides mistook the other for militants, Afghan officials said.

The accidental killings occurred in the western province of Farah near the Iranian border. Provincial Deputy Gov. Younus Rasuli said the foreign troops had not informed local officials they were coming, and the police thought they were enemy fighters. The two sides fought from about midnight until 4 a.m. Sunday, Rasuli said.

In a separate incident, NATO said it accidentally killed at least four Afghan civilians Saturday night. A NATO soldier also was killed in the east.

The two cases of accidental killings could further undercut popular support for the government and foreign forces operating here. President Hamid Karzai has pleaded with the United States and other nations fighting resurgent militants to avoid civilian casualties. NAHAL TOOSI (AP)

ETA Blamed for 5 Blasts in N. Spain

LAREDO, SPAIN | Five bombs exploded in northern Spain on Sunday, causing damage but no injuries, officials said. A person claiming to speak on behalf of the Basque separatist group ETA had phoned in warnings about four of the bombs.

The first detonated without warning around 5 a.m. outside a bank in the Basque town of Getxo,



Police officers search the scene of an explosion in Laredo, Spain, on Sunday.

the regional Interior Ministry said in Bilbao.

Five hours later, a caller warned the Basque fire service that four bombs would explode in Laredo and Noja in the neighboring province of Cantabria, the ministry said.

ETA, considered a terrorist group by Spain, the EU and U.S., has been fighting since 1968 for an independent Basque homeland in northern Spain and western France. (AP)

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The amount, in billions of dollars, of a new Zimbabwean bank note that will be introduced on Monday. The country is grappling with a record 2.2 million percent inflation rate.

World

Media Aids Zimbabweans

Blogs, text messages help citizens relay news amid political violence

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | The photographs of the tortured body of an opposition official are blurry but chilling.

Posted on the "This is Zimbabwe" blog, the photos show charred, lacerated limbs and blank eyes staring out from the face of the official, Gift Mutsungunu, frozen in a death grimace. A note accompanying the pictures says the picture quality is bad because the photographer was shaking with fear.

Increasingly, Zimbabweans are going online and using cell phone text messages to share stories of life and death in a country where independent traditional media have been all but silenced, and from which reporters from most international media have been barred.

"Any organization or NGO working in the area of promotion of free



Zimbabweans rally against their country's political impasse in South Africa.

expression is at risk," Bev Clark, one of the founders of the Kubatana blogging forum, said via e-mail. "Zimbabwe is encased in fear."

Zimbabwe's bloggers are mainly opposition activists whose themes range from HIV/AIDS to the coun-

MBEKI: COALITION IS GOAL

Zimbabwe's opposition may end up being forced to accept what it swears is unacceptable: a power-sharing deal with President Robert Mugabe.

South African President Thabo Mbeki, appointed by the main regional bloc to mediate between Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, has said some form of a coalition is the goal of talks that started tentatively in South Africa July 10. (AP)

try's economic meltdown to President Robert Mugabe's thuggery. The underground networks can be forums for unsubstantiated rumors, but they also provide valuable independent information.

Only the state-run TV and radio stations and the Herald, a government newspaper, provide daily news in Zimbabwe. Journalists without government accreditation find it hard to operate. SABRINA SHANKMAN (AP)



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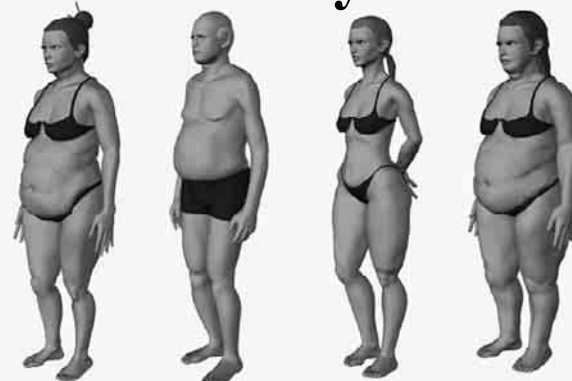
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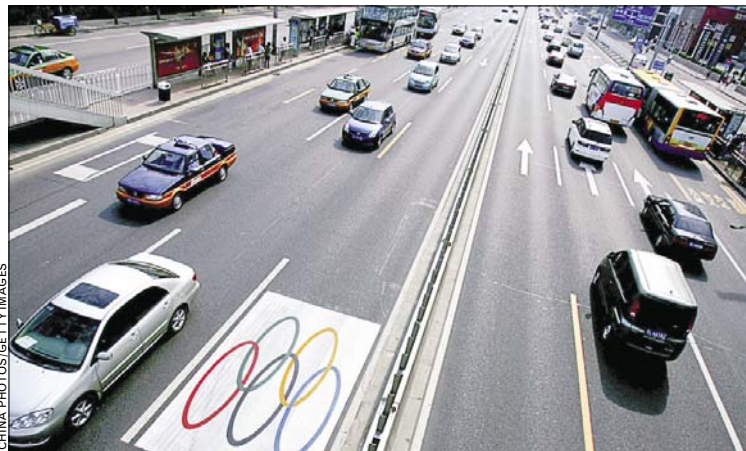
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Traffic flows easily on Beijing's streets on Sunday. China began restricting car use and factory emissions in a final effort to clear the skies before the Olympic Games.

China Limits Car Use for Olympics

Plan restricts factory
emissions in effort
to clear skies of smog

BEIJING | With the Olympics less than three weeks away, Beijing began restricting car use and limiting factory emissions on Sunday in a final drastic effort to clear its smog-choked skies.

Under the two-month plan, half the capital's 3.3 million cars will be removed from city streets on alternate days, depending on whether the license plate ends in an odd or an even number.

Skies were relatively clear on Sunday after some morning haze, and traffic was light for a weekend, flowing smoothly on highways and streets. But the real test will come when the work week begins.

In addition to the traffic plan, chemical plants, power stations and foundries had to cut emissions by 30 percent beginning Sunday.

ROAD TO RESULTS?

About 300,000 heavily polluting vehicles — aging industrial trucks, many of which operate only at night — were already banned beginning July 1.

Those driving on the wrong days will be fined \$14, a pricey penalty for many in Beijing. (AP)

Dust-spewing construction in the capital was to stop entirely.

While the government has said it hopes to reduce vehicle emissions, one of Beijing's chief sources of pollution, it is unclear how the effectiveness of the plan will be gauged.

Despite architecturally adventurous venues and \$40 billion spent on improving infrastructure, China's greatest challenge has been keeping the city's air clean for the world's greatest athletes participating in the Aug. 8-24 games.

AUDRA ANG (AP)

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HELP WITH HEALING: The University of Richmond and the state's Department of Criminal Justice Services plan to hold Virginia's first victim-assistance academy from July 27 to Aug. 1. The program will include presentations on understanding trauma, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Local

In Brief

BLACKSBURG, VA.

Va. Tech to Keep Some Shooting Records Secret

Virginia Tech says some records about the April 2007 campus shootings that left 31 people dead will remain secret. Spokesman Larry Hincker says notes taken by senior officials at an emergency meeting the day of the shootings won't be released, nor will records about shooter Seung-Hui Cho, including notes and e-mails from concerned professors. A settlement with the families requires a public archive with key facts about the shootings. Hincker says it will include e-mails to and from 160 administrators and faculty members. (AP)



Hincker

FREDERICK, MD.

Man Found Shot After Car Runs off Frederick Road

Maryland state police say they are investigating the death of a man found shot after his car ran off a Frederick County road early Sunday. State police say the man has not been positively identified but is believed to be a 27-year-old from Montgomery County. Troopers responding to the scene of a single-car crash found a man with a gunshot wound to the upper torso behind the wheel of a car that had jumped the curb at an intersection. (AP)

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.

Man Cited for 20-Foot Fall Over Potomac River Dam

Maryland Natural Resources Police say a man who survived a 20-foot ride over a Potomac River dam was cited for three violations. Twenty-two-year-old Ryan Myers of Clear Spring, Md., was cited Thursday with negligent operation of a personal watercraft and operating in a restricted area. He also was cited with operating between sunset and sunrise, and faces up to an \$85 fine for that violation. Myers, the son of Republican state Delegate LeRoy Myers, tumbled over Dam Number 5 Monday night after he and a friend ignored warning signs. (AP)

MPD Starts Text Message Tip Line

Service aids those who don't share information for fear of retaliation

WASHINGTON | The D.C. police department has set up a new number for people with leads about crimes to handle anonymous text messages: 50411.

In a city where witnesses often are reluctant to come forward for fear of retaliation, Chief Cathy L. Lanier is hoping to get information about homicides, robberies and other crimes any way she can.

And so the District is following the lead of Boston, Seattle and other cities in offering text messaging as a new alternative to the usual phone calls.

"It's a really quick, cool, easy way to communicate, and if I don't tap into those people, I'm shooting myself in the foot," Lanier said.

The District is working with GoLiveMobile!, a Colorado-based company, to provide the service. The FBI is covering the cost.

Police departments are using a variety of numbers for their text-a-tip lines. In Fairfax County, peo-

IN-HOUSE OPERATION

Many other cities run text-message programs through their branches of Crime Stoppers USA, a police-community partnership that offers rewards for information.

Nearly 70 Crime Stoppers units at police stations across the country are now participating in text programs.

In the District, the police department itself is running the initiative.

ple are asked to text messages to CRIMES (274637), labeling them TIP187. In the District, the number 50411 was chosen because "putting the 50 to the 411" refers to passing information on to the police in street slang, Lanier said.

GoLiveMobile! provides the servers that receive the text tips for the District. The company conceals the phone number of the tipster before passing the message on to police, preserving anonymity. Within two seconds, the messages go to a District police officer.

SINDYA N. BHANOO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | GAS PRICES HIT TEENS HARD



PRESSURE AT THE PUMP: Michelle Lewis, 17, prepares to fill her car with gas at the FreeState gas station in Rockville, Md. on July 17. She buys her gas at FreeState, which does not accept credit cards, because it seems to have the lowest gas prices in the area. < **Reality check:** Driving can be a feeling of freedom for teens, but gas prices have tempered that thrill. | **Today's Metro**

State Subsidized Housing Demand Jumps in Fairfax

FAIRFAX, VA. | Fairfax County housing officials say the number of applications for subsidized housing has jumped by nearly 1,000 since last month.

The county Department of Housing and Community Development says the waiting list for the publicly funded Section 8 vouchers has reached 13,173 households. That's up from 12,226 in June.

Paula Sampson of the housing department says the rapid rise in real estate prices, pressure on the rental market, stagnant federal funding and population increases are factors for the rise. It's not clear, though, why the waiting list grew so rapidly in the past month.

Housing officials say the numbers show the county needs to create more affordable housing. (AP)

Md. Anti-Slots Effort Gains Support

BALTIMORE | Groups opposed to a November referendum to legalize slots gambling in Maryland are attracting wealthy supporters.

They include Stewart Bainum Jr., a hotel magnate and former state lawmaker who recently donated \$10,000 to an anti-slots group.

Bainum says he feels state-sanctioned gaming is a form of

regressive taxation, noting state lawmakers would often joke that welfare payments would have to be increased to grow lottery revenues.

Other slots opponents include Nina Rodale Houghton, the president of the Wye Institute, a liberal think tank; Rockville developer Bryant Foulger; and Baltimore developer Otis Warren. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, July 20

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-0-1
Evening Lucky Numbers	4-4-3
Mid-day DC 4	1-2-6-7
Evening DC 4	8-9-6-3
Rolling Cash Five	9-12-8-13-32
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MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-4-7
Evening Pick 3	6-3-3
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Evening Pick 4	5-5-6-3
Match 5	4-06-13-24-34 Bonus: 2

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	5-9-5
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-8-6
Mid-day Cash 5	3-9-12-16-26

Personal Tech



NEW VENTURE: Retired AOL executive Ted Leonsis is turning his passion for documentaries into an Internet service meant to give independent filmmakers broader viewership. His new Web site, SnagFilms.com, will take professionally produced documentaries and show them for free on the site.

Networking Remorse

Prosecutors now use Internet photos as a character reference

REPUTATION | Two weeks after Joshua Lipton was charged in a drunken-driving crash that seriously injured a woman, the 20-year-old college junior attended a Halloween party dressed as a prisoner. Pictures from the party showed him in a black-and-white striped shirt and an orange jumpsuit labeled "Jail Bird."

In the age of the Internet, it might not be hard to guess what happened to those pictures: Someone posted them on the social net-

working site Facebook. And that offered remarkable evidence for Jay Sullivan, the prosecutor handling Lipton's drunken-driving case.

Sullivan used the pictures to paint Lipton as an unrepentant partier who lived it up while his victim recovered in the hospital. A judge agreed, calling the pictures depraved when sentencing Lipton to two years in prison.

Online hangouts such as Facebook and MySpace have offered crime-solving help to detectives and have become a resource for employers vetting job applicants. Now the sites are proving fruitful for prosecutors, who have used damaging Internet



This photo was used to paint Joshua Lipton, 20, as an unrepentant partier.

photos of defendants to cast doubt on their character during sentencing hearings and to argue for harsher punishment.

"Social networking sites are just another way that people say things or do things that come back and haunt them," said Phil Malone, director of the cyberlaw clinic at Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet & Society. "The things that people say online or leave online are pretty permanent."

The pictures, when shown at sentencing, not only embarrass defendants but also can make it harder for them to convince a judge that they're remorseful or

that their drunken behavior was an aberration. Prosecutors do not appear to be scouring networking sites while preparing for every sentencing, even though telling photos of criminal defendants are some-

“Things that people say online or leave online are pretty permanent.”

PHIL MALONE, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

times available in plain sight and accessible under a person's real name.

"It's not possible to do it in every case," said Darryl Perlin, a senior prosecutor in Santa Barbara County, Calif. "But certain cases, it does become relevant."

ERIC TUCKER (AP)

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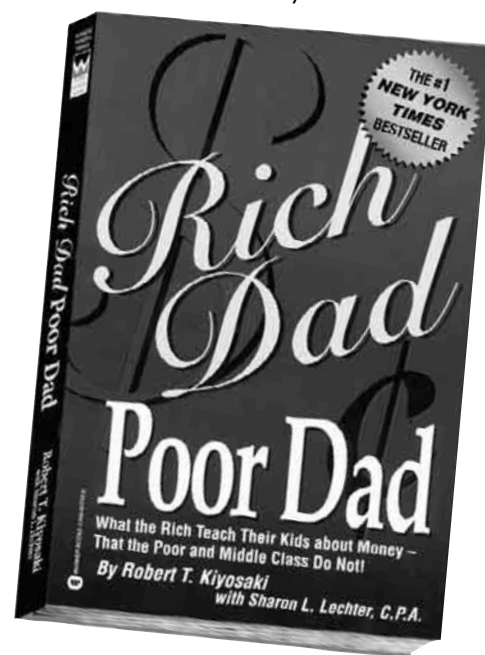
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Sports

Redskins Get Taylor to Fill Major Hole

Daniels, Buzbee go down for the year; team trades for star DE

REDSKINS | What a way to open training camp.

Washington Redskins defensive end Phillip Daniels tore a left knee ligament Sunday during the very first practice.

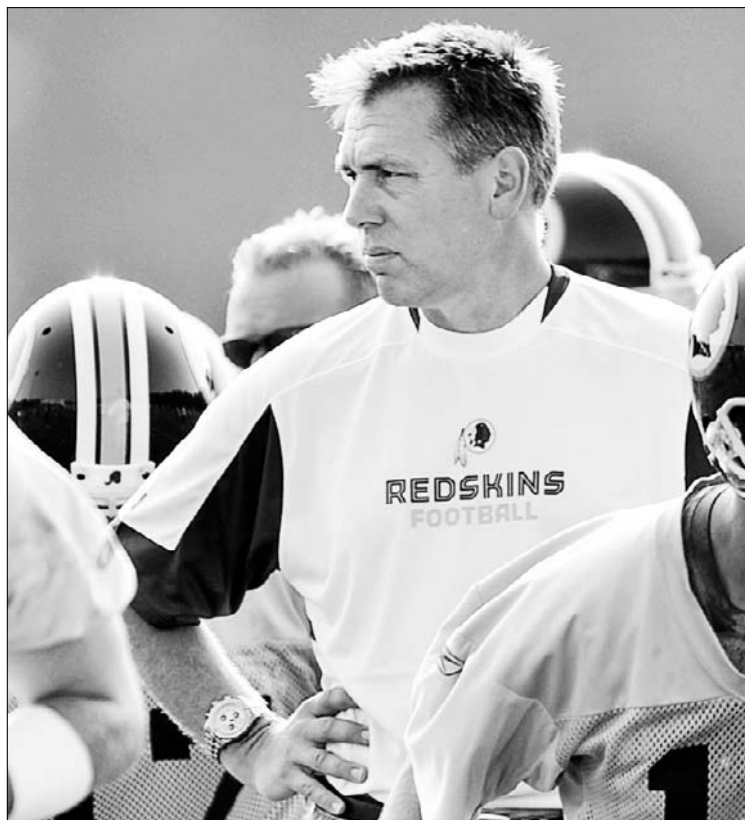
A few hours later, the team went out and traded for former Defensive Player of the Year Jason Taylor to take his place.

Daniels, a starter, was hurt on the initial play of 7-on-7 offense versus defense drills. He stayed down on the turf for several minutes before being taken away on a cart, a towel draped over his head. He's expected to have surgery Friday.

"Not a good way to start, at all," middle linebacker London Fletcher said. "It's a big blow to our defense. Phil was a tremendous leader, excellent at playing the run, and was going to be our third-down attack guy. With him going down, it's like we're replacing two guys."

The Redskins also lost another defensive end, reserve Alex Buzbee, to a season-ending injury during their afternoon practice. Buzbee ruptured his Achilles' tendon.

"With Phillip gone, and now Buzbee gone, there's a hole there," head



Coach Jim Zorn watches warm-ups during his first training camp practice. Defensive end Phillip Daniels tore a ligament in his left knee and will miss the entire year.

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coach Jim Zorn said. "And Phillip has created a big hole."

The Redskins gave the Dolphins a second-round pick in 2009 and a sixth-round choice in 2010 for Taylor. The six-time Pro Bowl defensive end fell out of favor in Miami

ANOTHER LOSS

Fred Smoot threw off his shoe in obvious pain after Santana Moss fell on him on the first day:

It turned out Smoot sprained his ankle and is expected to miss only a week or less. "I love sprained ankles now, because we know that's just a few days' deal," Zorn said, cracking a smile. (AP)

after spending his offseason on the TV show "Dancing With the Stars" rather than working out with teammates.

The deal came only about 1½ hours after Washington executive vice president Vinny Cerrato told reporters: "We haven't talked to anybody about anything."

Cerrato said Taylor is expected to report to training camp on Monday.

"We're fortunate there was a guy that caliber on the market when somebody got hurt," Cerrato said. "Normally, in most years, there's not a guy of that caliber on the market."

The 33-year-old Taylor has played 11 NFL seasons and he's started every game each of the past eight years. He had 11 sacks during the 2007 season, more than any Redskin, giving him 117 in his career. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

In Brief



Crystal Smith, left, and Alana Beard celebrate near the end of the Mystics' win.

WNBA

Mystics Snap Storm's Streak Following Coaching Change

Taj McWilliams-Franklin scored 22 points and Alana Beard tied a career-high with nine assists as the Mystics, in their first game following a coaching change, snapped the Seattle Storm's seven-game winning streak with a shocking 89-57 win on Sunday. The Mystics (9-14), one day after coach Tree Rollins was fired, hit 10 3-pointers, including five in the second quarter when they outscored the Storm 25-8. (AP)

BASEBALL

Brewers and Giants Play Game, Then Trade Players

Ray Durham wore a Giants uniform for the last time, then packed up his locker and went to join the Brewers on the other side of the ballpark before leaving town with his new team. San Francisco traded the veteran second baseman to the Brewers for two minor leaguers, with both clubs waiting until after the teams played Sunday to announce the swap. That was per Durham's request, as he didn't want to suit up for his first game for Milwaukee against the Giants. (AP)

CYCLING

Brotherly Love Lifts Cyclist Into Tour De France Lead

Frank Schleck of Luxembourg seized the overall lead in the Tour de France on Sunday, drawing on his strength in the mountains and an assist from his brother. Schleck leads by seven seconds. He credited CSC teammate and brother Andy for surging ahead at least twice during the final climb, forcing Evans to work hard. Simon Gerrans of Australia won the 15th stage. (AP)

Harbaugh Brings New Look to Camp

Baltimore's head coach plans on doing things a little bit differently

RAVENS | At a time of year when the weather calls for a trip to the beach or a stroll on a golf course, John Harbaugh starts thinking about football.

"I've got the same feeling now that I've had the past 24 years going to training camp, whether it was at Western Michigan, or Philadelphia or Baltimore," he said. "You just can't wait to see the guys and walk out there on the practice field. You can feel that sense of excitement."

This training camp will be unlike



The Ravens begin training camp Monday under new coach John Harbaugh.

all the others for Harbaugh — and for many of the Baltimore Ravens.

The late-July start, short practices and the option of sleeping at home — all the features of a Brian Billick training camp — have vanished. When the Ravens report Monday to McDaniel College in Westminster, they had better be ready to sweat.

Billick was fired Dec. 31 after a nine-year run and replaced by Harbaugh, who waited more than two decades for this opportunity. "I feel excited, and I feel challenged. I'm looking forward to standing in front of an NFL team for the first time as a head coach," Harbaugh said.

Billick placed a high priority on

making sure the players weren't overworked. If a veteran asked for an afternoon off, he usually was accommodated. That probably won't happen at Camp Harbaugh. Or is it Hardball?

"It's going to be challenging," Harbaugh, 45, said. "The goal at training camp is not to come out fresh. You want to come out strong."

"I don't think there will be any culture shock," general manager Ozzie Newsome said. "We've always prided ourselves in bringing players in who love the game of football. This challenge is what they'll be looking for."

Harbaugh's most pressing issue will be to find a starting quarterback. Kyle Boller, Troy Smith and rookie Joe Flacco will compete for the job. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

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ALREADY ROLLING: Oklahoma City's new NBA franchise has nicknamed itself the Thunder, according to a report Saturday on the Web site of the city's ABC affiliate.

Sports



DOUBLE DUTY: Padraig Harrington battled a sore wrist and 40 mph winds to claim his second straight claret jug at the British Open.

It's Déjà Vu at the British

Harrington outlasts Norman, Poulter to repeat at British Open

BRITISH OPEN | It turns out Padraig Harrington's wrist was strong enough to hit all the right shots in the British Open. Better yet, it was strong enough to lift the silver claret jug.

Harrington became the first European in more than a century to win golf's oldest championship two years in a row, smashing a pair of fairway metals into the par 5's Sunday that allowed him to pull away from mistake-prone Greg Norman and hold off a late charge by Ian Poulter for a four-shot victory.

"I enjoyed the claret jug so much I didn't want to give it back," Harrington said.

Harrington managed to shoot 32 on the back nine to close with a 1-under 69.

And to think he gave himself only a 75 percent chance of teeing off on Thursday, and only a 50 percent chance of finishing.

No one bothered asking him the odds of winning.

The 36-year-old Irishman injured

LEADERBOARD

Padraig Harrington , 3-over
Ian Poulter , 7-over
Henrik Stenson , 9-over
Greg Norman , 9-over
Jim Furyk , 10-over
Chris Wood , 10-over
Ernie Els , 12-over
David Howell , 12-over
Ben Curtis , 12-over
Paul Casey , 12-over
Robert Karlsson , 12-over
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Justin Leonard , 13-over
K.J. Choi , 13-over

his right wrist eight days ago, and it was so sore when he arrived at Royal Birkdale that he stopped practice after nine holes on Tuesday and three swings on Wednesday.

But he was at full strength in gusts up to 40 mph. He finished at 3-over 283, becoming the first European since James Braid in 1905-06 to win the Open in successive years.

Norman played a familiar role as the tragic figure.

This had all the elements of a fairy tale. Norman, 53, was on the tail end of his honeymoon when he wound up with a two-shot lead going into the final round and a chance to become the oldest major champion. Instead, it ended like so many other majors when he was in his prime.

"I walk away from here disappointed, but with my head held high, because I hung in there," Norman said.

Poulter thought he could bring England its first British Open since 1992, playing bogey-free over his final 15 holes. He went to the practice range in case of a playoff but put his clubs away when he saw that Harrington eagled the 17th hole.

"I can only do what I can do," Poulter said. "And I done my best."

DOUG FERGUSON (AP)



Feinstein's take: Columnist John Feinstein breaks down Padraig Harrington's victory at the British Open in an online-only video | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports).

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Sports



A WIE MISTAKE: After finishing in second place at the State Farm Classic on Saturday, Michelle Wie was one good round away from finally living up to her deep potential. Instead, she was disqualified after failing to sign her score card. Ji Young Oh won the tournament.

Nats Bats Finally Get Hot in Win

Washington's offense busts out of yearlong slump to rock Braves

NATIONALS | The Washington Nationals, again led by former Braves outfielder Willie Harris, made Atlanta look like a former contender.

Harris drove in five runs and reached base five times, Jesus Flores had four hits and Austin Kearns hit a two-run homer as the Nationals routed the Braves 15-6 on Sunday.

Washington outscored Atlan-

ta 23-8 to win the last two games of the series. The series loss was a crushing disappointment for the fourth-place Braves, who hoped for a strong start after the All-Star break.

Washington set season highs for runs and hits (17) to cap a successful start to its nine-game road trip.

The Nationals rocked Jo-Jo Reyes (3-9) for seven hits and six runs in 2 1/3 innings and then added six runs in 1 2/3 innings against Buddy Carlyle.

Reyes suffered his fifth straight loss.

Washington put the game away



Willie Harris, right, celebrates after his two-run home run in the fourth inning.

MLB SCOREBOARD

Yankees 2, Athletics 1
Marlins 3, Phillies 2
Mets 7, Reds 5
Nationals 15, Atlanta 6
Tigers 5, Orioles 1
Blue Jays 9, Rays 4
Cubs 9, Astros 0
Royals 8, White Sox 7
Rangers 1, Twins 0
Cardinals 9, Padres 5
Rockies 11, Pirates 3

early, scoring 12 runs while loading the bases in the second, third and fourth innings. The Nationals loaded the bases again in the ninth against Royce Ring, when Felipe Lopez, who had three hits, drove in his third run with a sacrifice fly.

Odalis Perez (3-7) pitched five innings, giving up nine hits and five runs, in his first win since May 28.

Harris had two hits, including a two-run homer, and three walks. He had a two-run single in the second, a bases-loaded walk in the third and a two-run homer in the fourth. Kearns added his two-run homer in the fourth.

Harris had seven hits and seven RBI, and scored five runs in the series. CHARLES ODUM (AP)

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Verlander, Tigers Shut Down Birds

ORIOLES | Justin Verlander came within an out of completing a three-hitter, Magglio Ordonez and Marcus Thames hit solo homers, and the Detroit Tigers handed the Baltimore Orioles their 15th consecutive Sunday loss, 5-1.

With the loss, the Orioles split

the four-game series and dropped three games below .500 (47-50).

Luke Scott drove in the lone run for the Orioles, whose 15-game skid on Sundays is the longest on any given day since Arizona dropped 15 in a row on Saturdays in 2004.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (MONDAY AT 7 P.M. ON ESPN)
Only one game separates the St. Louis Cardinals and the Milwaukee Brewers in the NL Central standings when they play Monday.

BASEBALL (MONDAY AT 7 P.M. ON MASN) The Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles look to gain some ground in the crowded AL East when they square off in Baltimore.

MLB STANDINGS

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EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Tampa Bay	57	39	.594	—	38-14	19-25
Boston	57	42	.576	1.5	36-11	21-31
N.Y. Yankees	52	45	.609	5.5	29-22	23-23
Baltimore	47	49	.490	10	27-17	20-32
Toronto	47	50	.485	10.5	27-20	20-30
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	55	41	.573	—	33-14	22-27
Minnesota	55	42	.567	0.5	34-18	21-24
Detroit	48	49	.595	7.5	28-20	20-29
Kansas City	44	54	.449	12	22-24	22-30
Cleveland	42	54	.438	13	26-22	16-32
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	59	38	.608	—	28-20	31-18
Oakland	51	46	.526	8	31-24	20-22
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VICTORY OF THE 'KNIGHT': "The Dark Knight" took in a record \$155.34 million in its first weekend, topping the previous best of \$151.1 million for "Spider-Man 3" in May 2007 and pacing Hollywood to its biggest weekend ever.

Entertainment

Brothers In Comedy

A bond made on the 'Talladega' set leads to more big laughs

DUO | In the 2006 comedy "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," Will Ferrell and fellow funnyman John C. Reilly played squabbling best friends vying for the winner's cup in the competitive world of NASCAR. In "Step Brothers," they are at each other's throats again — but this time they're related.

The idea for the collaboration arose while they were in North Carolina, filming the race car comedy a few years ago. Ferrell and Reilly, along with the film's director, Adam McKay, sat down together one evening and hashed out some ideas for another comedy vehicle.

"We had so much fun working on 'Talladega Nights,' and we really kind of made a pact — a blood pact — to work on something else together," recalls Ferrell, sitting between his co-star and director.

"It was important to us to find an idea that, like 'Talladega,' was loose enough but also had enough of an engine to drive the story along," adds McKay, who also helmed the 2004 Ferrell comedy "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron

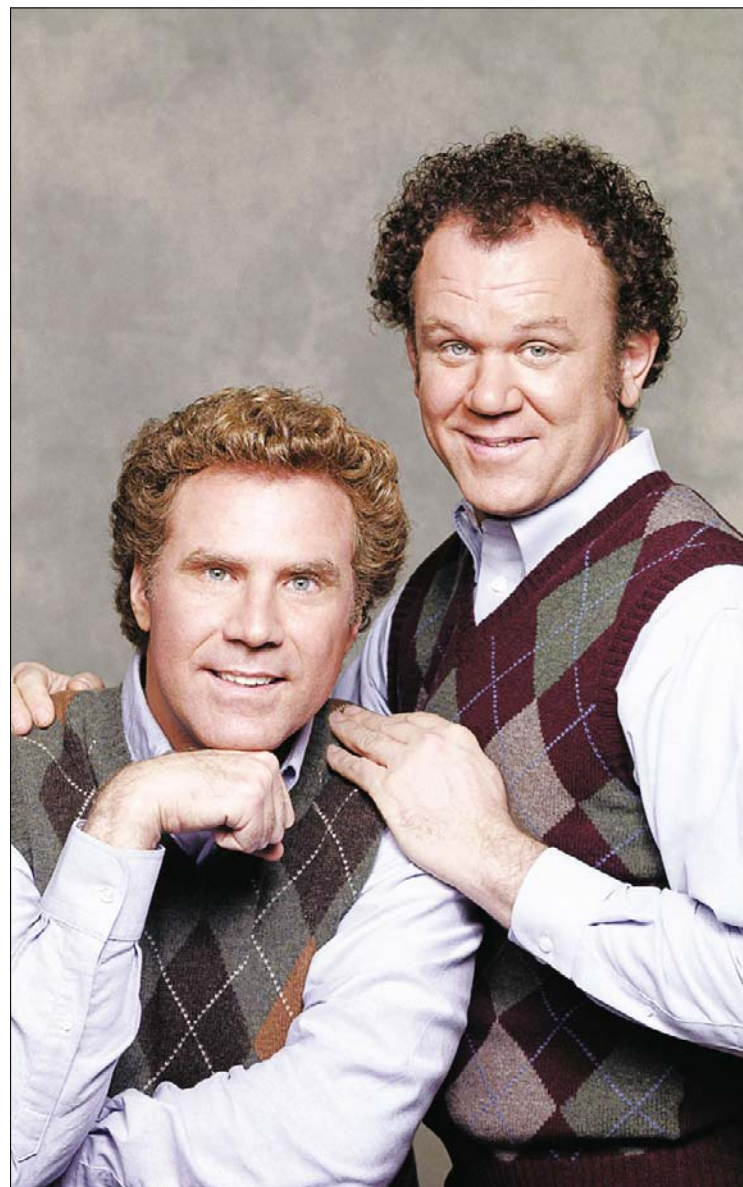
"We really kind of made a pact — a blood pact — to work on something else together."

WILL FERRELL, ACTOR

Burgundy."

Over dinner, the trio "spitballed" pages and pages of ideas, but it wasn't until the following day that McKay had a moment of inspiration — bunk beds.

His idea centered on two grown men living at home; when their single parents get married, they have



NOTHING SAYS LOVE ... quite like matching sweater-vests in grey and burgundy.

to share a room.

Ferrell and Reilly were sold immediately and soon sat down to write the script, acting out and improvising some of the scenes together.

Reilly, 43, contributed ideas borrowed from his experience growing up in Chicago with four siblings, as well as from observing the behavior and petty sibling exchanges between his own kids.

"Step Brothers" is a story about two men who should have left their respective nests long ago, but thanks to their enabling single parents, never matured. Forced to share a bedroom when their parents meet and marry, these "failure to launch" guys instantly dislike each other.

The R-rated comedy co-stars Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins as the exasperated parents. Comedy kingpin Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up," "Superbad") produced the comedy.

"He's been a producer on all three of our movies ('Anchorman,' 'Talladega Nights' and 'Step Brothers'), but we have our own style," McKay says.

One Ferrell-McKay trademark involves crude humor, both visual and verbal. McKay explains that making an adult comedy freed them up creatively.

"And we wanted to make swears," adds Reilly. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

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of the political machine, and his strong positions on controversial issues got fuzzy and disappeared. But this is just a movie, people!

Nothing like real life. "The Candidate" screens tonight as part of this summer's Screen on the Green series.

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2 Café Citron is a long-standing hub of D.C.'s international party scene, and is always well-stocked with beautiful people. While the weekends usually fall into the "too crowded to handle" category, Mondays are a great

night to check the place out and take in some flamenco. This stunning combination of passionate Spanish music and dance goes well with Citron's good food and even better drinks.

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the scene

Tuesday

The Ting Tings: A catchy, British electro-pop duo. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$15; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Mark Knopfler: The former Dire Straits frontman. Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$30-\$42; 877-965-3872.

The Mae Shi: Experimental, noisy, generally awesome punk. Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; 9:30 p.m., \$7; 202-462-3213. (U St.-Cardozo)

'Looking at Looking': Max Hirshfield turns the camera lens on the museum-goer in his exhibit of photographs of people looking at art. Hempfill Fine Arts, 1515 14th St. NW; through July 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 202-234-5601.

Wednesday

'Spider Man 3': An outdoor screening of the third film in the Spidey series. Village at Shirlington, 2700 S. Quincy St., Arlington, 8:45 p.m., free; 301-998-8395.

Lebensraum: Holocaust reparations is the latest in comedy according to the Capital Fringe Festival. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 6:30 p.m., Fri., 10 p.m., Sat., 2 p.m., \$15; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle)

Pomegranates: Soothing indie rock on the backstage. The Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$8; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

'Canvas': A feature film on schizophrenia starring Marcia Gay Harden. AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 7 p.m., free; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)

Entertainment



'FULL HOUSE' SANS OLSEN TWINS: Everyone's favorite vulgar comedian-cum-funny father of three, Bob Saget, has signed on to star in a forthcoming series on the CW. Saget will play a well-meaning, misanthropic family man in "Surviving Suburbia."

Work Ethic of Steel

After 75 books, the famed novelist is nowhere near done

BEST-SELLERS | It's only 9:33 a.m., but already Danielle Steel is having a lousy morning.

She's in a Rockefeller Plaza dressing room, having her hair tugged and her makeup tweaked. She's endured questioning from Matt Lauer on the "Today" show and soon faces a second round with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb.

Steel hates it.

"This is so not me," she says. "I

hate having the spotlight on me. I like being the invisible observer. So this is very painful."

Steel, who turns 61 in August, doesn't need fame: Her name is virtually synonymous with the romance novel. She doesn't need cash: Some 570 million of her books are in print. What she wants is to be left alone, to write more.

So, why would she agree to an interview sandwiched between TV appearances? "Occasionally, I have to stick my nose out the door," she says, warily. "Otherwise, people are going to think I'm 100 years old and dead."



RICHARD DREW/AP

Steel is one of the few authors who has managed to make a rock star's salary.

Any visit to a bookstore would disprove that — an ever-lengthening list of such Steel titles as "The Wedding" and "Second Chance" that crowds shelves. She knocks out about three books a year.

What brings her to New York and the media glare is her 75th book, "Rogue," the tale of a sober-minded psychologist and her playboy ex-husband "whose kisses were as intoxicating as everything else about him." When one of the two considers remarriage, their lives take a turn.

The novel, which Publishers Weekly called "a familiar formula

la with fresh results," debuted at No. 4 on The New York Times' list of best-sellers, No. 8 on USA Today's list and No. 6 on the Wall Street Journal's list.

Atop such lists is a familiar Steel perch. Between 1996 and 2003, Publishers Weekly reports, 16 of her novels were best-sellers, and Guinness World Records once cited her for having at least one book on the Times list for 390 consecutive weeks.

All that, strangely, doesn't calm her. She may have been writing novels since she was 19, but there's an insecurity that remains untouched.

"I still never finish a book without being terrified I can't write another one. I never start one without being terrified I can't finish it," she says. "It's sort of a torturous process." MARK KENNEDY (AP)

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EXPERT OPINION: This weekend at the TV Critics Association Awards, the big winners were Tina Fey of "30 Rock" and Paul Giamatti of "John Adams." Fey won for individual achievement in comedy, and Giamatti took individual achievement in drama.

Entertainment

The Tranquil Meadows

While at peace with his current gig, an 'SNL' vet looks ahead

LADIES' MAN | Tim Meadows nearly missed his stage debut. He was in high school and set to play the stage manager in a production of "Our Town."

"I completely forgot that I had to do it," he recalls, chuckling. "My mother called me and said, 'Do you

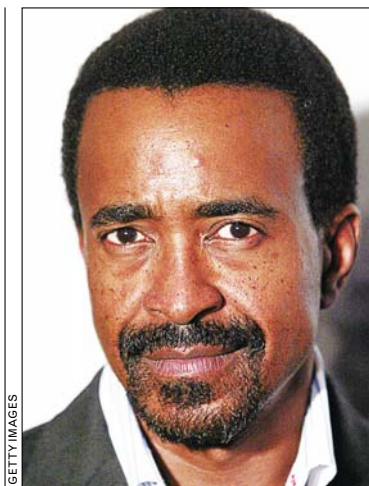
know Miss Gibson? She's been calling here all afternoon.' Oh, my God, there's a play! I gotta go!" That was my first experience in show business, and I was late."

He's since redeemed himself, forging a prolific comedic career that includes scene-stealing film roles ("Mean Girls," "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story"), TV guest spots ("The Office," "Curb Your Enthusiasm") and a lengthy stint on "Saturday Night Live."

Currently, Meadows is a regular on the hit TBS sitcom "The Bill Engvall Show," playing leading man Bill's witty best friend, Paul DuFrayne. "It sort of reflected my life," he says of the role. "I was going through the same things this character was going through: starting over after a marriage and dating again and being awkward and finding out that the dating world is different than it used to be. That appealed to me."

Meadows still has dreams of being in charge, though. In 2000, he co-wrote a pilot after scoring a development deal with NBC, but the network passed, offering him a role on "The Michael Richards Show" instead. After that show was canceled, the deal went away.

Still, Meadows is not one to get discouraged. In times like these, he remembers a piece of advice from "SNL" creator Lorne Michaels. "He said there was a quote from Winston Churchill: 'Never, never, never quit,'" recalls Meadows. "No matter what it is — business, personal — that's my theme." SARAH KUHN (BACK STAGE WEST)



Tim Meadows plays Engvall's right-hand man on "The Bill Engvall Show."

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Television



HAUTE COMPETITION: According to reports, Bravo has picked up a reality show developed by Sarah Jessica Parker. The show will be a "Project Runway"-style reality competition featuring sculptors, painters and other artists instead of designers.

'Wanna Bet' It'll Bore You?

A British comedy duo hosts an uninspired prank-or-dare show

LOWBROW | Back during the bad old days of the Soviet Union, an anecdotal observation by an anonymous laborer summed up the worthless currency and unmotivated work force. "They pretend to pay us," he cracked. "And we pretend to work."

Today's TV viewers might offer a similar lament: "They pretend to broadcast, and we pretend to watch."

While it would be unfair to compare ABC to the Soviet economy circa 1978, the new game show "Wanna Bet?" (9 p.m., ABC) is so slapdash, unoriginal and thoroughly third-rate that you almost



HONK, HONK! A contestant holds up his end of a wager on "Wanna Bet?"

cry out for the relative ambition of "Wipeout."

"Wanna Bet?" solicits ideas

from its audience members who suggest outlandish pranks and dares. Can somebody Hula-hoop with a 50-pound truck tire for 45 seconds? Do you care?

A British comedy team called Ant and Dec presides over these festivities, along with celebrities Sherri Shepherd, George Takei, Tom Green and Harland Williams.

How many things depress me about "Wanna Bet?" 1) It lasts an hour and not a half-hour; 2) it's the latest show to feature British and/or Australian hosts; 3) the fact that it exists at all; 4) it's low-wattage homemade quality is a pathetic attempt to imitate YouTube, but it's boring enough to drive more viewers away from their television and back to YouTube; 5) did I mention No. 3? **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

BEING ABE LINCOLN
HISTORY DETECTIVES (9 p.m., PBS) investigates a Marine's jacket, an Airstream caravan and a Lincoln forgery.

'SUPERNANNY' WANNABE
TLC launches a new series tonight called **TAKE HOME NANNY** (8 p.m., TLC), about nanny Emma Jenner and her efforts to help kids prepare for special events.

DISMAL BOND
Tragedy links Grace to a troubled young man on **SAVING GRACE** (10 p.m., TNT).

THAT'S JUST WRONG
DATE MY EX: JO & SLADE (10 p.m., Bravo) is a spin-off of "The Real Housewives of Orange County." Jo De La Rosa used to be engaged and happy. But she got bored and pursued her music career. Now her former fiancé wants to help her find a new boyfriend.

KING OF COMEDY
Will Ferrell, Adam Savage and Jamie



YOU WERE TOO SHORT: Jo tells her ex what she wants in a man on Bravo.

Hyneman appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS).

TOUGH CHICKS
Jay Leno hosts Kyra Sedgwick and Alanis Morissette on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Lifestyles

A group of Americans shuns consumerism to help save the Earth

Give up worldly goods and help save the Earth.

Oh, and save lots of money.

As the economy worsens, one group of Americans is turning to an Earth-friendly way of life as a hard-line strategy for saving. The Compact started a few years ago in San Francisco as a group of people who vowed to shun consumer culture for a year in the name of conservation. Now it has more than 9,000 members, and spin-off groups are sprouting up across the country.

It seems what's good for the Earth is good for the wallet.

"You don't just go out and needlessly shop as a hobby. It's really kind of an eye-opener," said Julia Park Tracey, a mother of five in Alameda, Calif., who swears she isn't a "crunchy granola hippie."

Since Tracey joined in January, the Compact has turned a floodlight on her family's frivolous spending — scented lotions, flavored lattes, iPod accessories. They no longer dry-clean their clothes, and they make their own cat food.

"All that was money out the window. We could not keep going like that and make ends meet," said Tracey, whose budget is being stretched thin by escalating food

and gas prices.

What makes the Compact compelling for average Americans is that there are no hard-and-fast rules; You won't be ostracized for buying a designer handbag or any other slips in consumerism. Members simply try to conserve the best they can. When necessary, they borrow, barter or buy secondhand. Food and hygienic purchases are OK, but the idea is to cut back there, too.

The goals sound a lot like those of a growing population of Americans squeezed by inflation.

Food prices in April rose the most they have in a month in 18 years and are rising at a rate well above last year's increase. Milk costs 10.2 percent more now than it did a year ago.

A gallon of regular unleaded gas, meanwhile, reached an average of \$4.105 Friday.

On Wednesday, the Labor

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SAVING TASTES SWEET: Julia Park Tracey, left, and her daughter Simone Rodriguez eat plums they dried themselves.

Department said consumer prices rose 1.1 percent in June, nearly the fastest pace in a generation.

The conservation movement has moved into the mainstream, too, making the principles behind the Compact an easier sell for those looking to save.

"People are coming for all different reasons, with credit card debt or others who say, 'My kids are so

materialistic and out of control,'" said John Perry, founder of the Compact.

In just the last year, more than 3,000 people have joined the Compact. That doesn't include the two dozen local groups that have sprung up across the country.

Perry didn't start the Compact to save money, but it's one of the lifestyle's intrinsic perks. He saves at least a couple hundred dollars a month, which leaves more cash for charity, his mortgage and his children's savings accounts.

Cutting out dry cleaning and Starbucks alone is saving Tracey's family \$250 a month. Biking and walking conserves not just oil, but also piles of gas money.

Gone, too, are the mindless drug store sprees during which Tracey would blow \$100 or more on cosmetics and snacks.

"The real surprise is that it's so much easier than you would think," Perry said. "If you hang on, it's like dieting — the hunger goes away."

Since so much of consumerism

focuses on making upgrades — faster gadgets, the newest sneakers — ending such purchases isn't even all that painful, Perry said.

Critics say the U.S. economy would cave in if enough people radically pulled back on spending. But even in a downturn, the ranks of the Compact likely won't grow large enough to pose any threat to the nation's manufacturers.

A sudden en masse withdrawal from consumerism might shock the economy at first, but industries would likely adjust and perhaps even become more efficient over time, said Brian Bethune, an economist with Global Insight.

Higher fuel prices, for example, are spiking demand for smaller cars and in turn hurting U.S. automakers, Bethune said. But that means car companies need to adjust their strategies, he said.

"There are different levels of adherence. It's what makes sense to your economic or personal conditions," said Rachel Kesel, a founder of the Compact. CANDICE CHOI (AP)



Julia Park Tracey shows off an iPod case that she crocheted in Alameda, Calif.

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MUSIC

Stax of Soul

Whatever you do, don't call the music of Lalah Hathaway—daughter of legendary soul singer Donny Hathaway—“jazz.” Katherine Silkaitis found out why she doesn't like that label, but the Stax artist is just fine with being called a soul singer. Hathaway performs at Wolf Trap on Wednesday. | COMING UP



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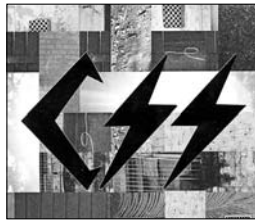
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CD REVIEW

CSS, Donkey

Is “iPod commercial” a distinct musical genre? If so, Cansei de Ser Sexy, or CSS, is the standard bearer. Meg Zamula tells us whether the band's new effort, “Donkey,” still meets the Apple criteria. | COMING UP



comment board

“Of course he'll win, but were he still alive, would he even be nominated? It's not like the Academy has a long tradition of recognizing excellence in superhero movies.”

COMMENTER COMIC BOO GUY, WHO ADDED, “WERE TOBEY MAGUIRE OR WILLIAM DAFOE EVEN CONSIDERED?”

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Discussions

The TV Report

Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday to bring the latest news from the West Coast TV press tour, including a “24” movie and Katie Holmes' guest spot on “Eli Stone.”

Any word on “24”? I know I probably am asking a question that shows I've been living in a cave, but, really, I've been out of the country!

Yes. “24” is coming back in January, but this fall, in November sweeps, Fox is going to air a “24” flick, which, a Fox executive told us on the press tour, will, like the series, cover one day in the life of Jack the Cursed, the day the president is elected and is sworn in, the executive said. Apparently, in Los Angeles they believe that happens



George Michael and Katie Holmes are set to sing on ABC's “Eli Stone.”

on the same day.

What's this I hear about Amy Poehler's defecting to an “Office” spin-off?

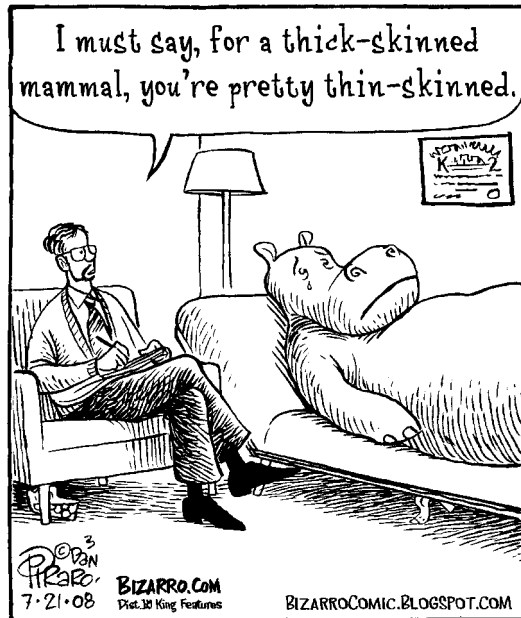
Some are saying it's the “Office” spin-off. Others are saying it's a different show. Still others are saying “What ‘Office’ spin-off?” NBC will be asked about it at the press tour in a couple

days, but even then we won't know what's true, because reality is very fluid at NBC these days.

I'm kind of nervous about asking this question because you like George Michael (Christmas special episode?), but have you heard whether they are going to cut back on the musical numbers (length and frequency) on ABC's “Eli Stone”?

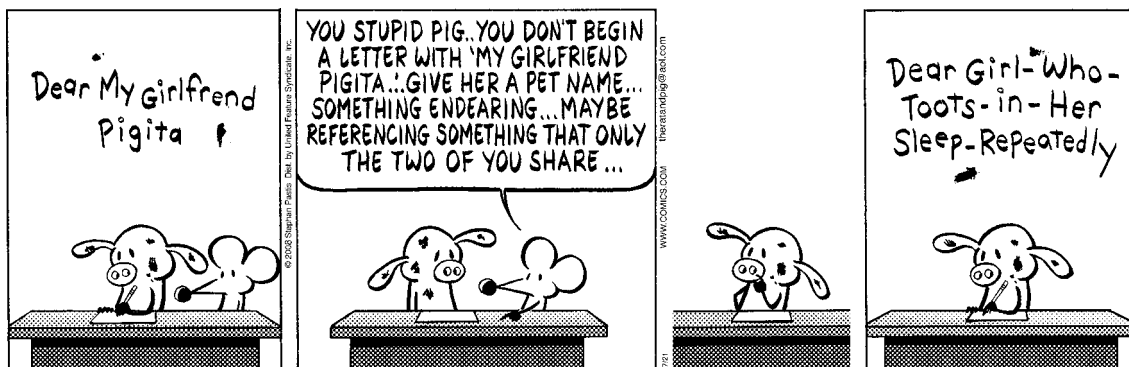
Yes, [George Michael] is supposed to come back to the show for an Xmas episode. But, more important, Katie Holmes, Mrs. Scary Cruise, is going to sing AND dance on the second episode this season. You can't tell me you aren't clapping your little hands in excitement over that.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
Post travel editors and writers field questions and comments about staying cool and baggage checks at 2 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


A first impression is very important, no matter how many tries it takes.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Fact and fiction will both figure prominently throughout the day — and you may not always know one from the other at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep looking forward, and begin making a new set of plans that can start paying off before you know it. Unexpected rewards are on the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't become so critical of others that you prevent yourself from doing your own work to the best of your ability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) What are you waiting for? Make that move and you'll be surprised at the immediate rewards. Impulsive action may actually be favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find people gravitating toward you as a result of your honest warmth and your willingness to listen. Keep it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A mystery may arise that piques your curi-

osity and requires you to explore a side of yourself that you usually keep under wraps.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An invitation comes your way, and you will be compelled to accept — even though you know you're going to be entering a dangerous arena.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Avoid any kind of falsehood and you'll avoid most kinds of lasting trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't let yourself be caught unawares; pay attention to what goes on around you, and be sure that you have all available information.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be absorbing information at a rapid pace, but you may not be channeling it into the proper mental compartments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may want to tell others a little more about yourself than usual to teach a valuable lesson you learned only through experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As soon as you find yourself saying things like "never" and "always," you'll discover that it is impossible for others to take you completely seriously.



Neil Armstrong sits on the moon in the lunar module before blasting off 39 years ago.

Today in History

1861 The first Battle of Bull Run is fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

1954 The Geneva Conference concludes with accords dividing Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

1961 Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom becomes the second American to rocket into a suborbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard

the Liberty Bell 7.

1969 Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blast off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

1980 Draft registration begins in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

1998 President Clinton announces a crackdown on nursing homes that are lax about quality and on states that are doing a poor job of regulating them.

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LOOK out

People



Bet she wasn't this radiant at 4 a.m.

INCONSIDERATE

Rapacious Paparazzi Force Angelina to Wake Up Early

Before dawn Saturday, **ANGELINA JOLIE** and her twins left the French Riviera hospital where she gave birth a week ago. Jolie slipped out at 4 a.m. with Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline Jolie-Pitt, deftly evading the paparazzi who have followed the family for months. (AP)

INSURANCE

DMX Failed to Get Preapproval for Claim



DMX was arrested at a Phoenix mall Saturday on suspicion that he gave a false name and Social Security number to a hospital to get out of paying for medical expenses. An attorney for DMX declined to comment. (AP)



'DIFFICULT'

The Beast Nears

Brenda Walsh is returning to Beverly Hills, 90210, this fall. But cast members of the new CW show "90210" are speculating about whether **SHANNEN DOHERTY** will be equally mature. "I have heard some of the stories," star AnnaLynne McCord said. In the new series, Doherty's Walsh is a famous theater director invited back to West Beverly Hills High School to stage a musical. (AP)

RELATIVES

Kids Will Eventually Grow to Love Auntie Britney

Less than eight months after a court took away her children, **BRITNEY SPEARS** is reclaiming her role as a mother — to the point where she may be with her boys nearly half the time. Attorneys for the pop singer and her ex-husband Kevin Federline reached an



"Daddy, I'm glad Auntie Britney's not our mom."

agreement Friday that allows Spears three visits a week from Sean Preston and Jayden James, including two overnights with potential for more. If all goes well, she could have 2-year-old Sean Preston and 1-year-old Jayden James roughly 40 percent of the time, said her attorney. (AP)

CRUEL

Several Frat Parties Gravely Suffer After Decision

Actor **VERNE TROYER** has settled a lawsuit he filed against a porn broker after the defendant agreed not to distribute a sex tape depicting Troyer and a former girlfriend. Troyer filed a \$20 million lawsuit against porn broker Kevin Blatt, distributor SugarDVD and Web site TMZ after snippets of the 50-minute tape were released last month. Records show Blatt and SugarDVD have signed agreements requiring that they get Troyer's approval before selling or distributing the tape or any images from it. Edwin McPherson, one of Troyer's attorneys, said the actor has no intention of ever granting approval. (AP)

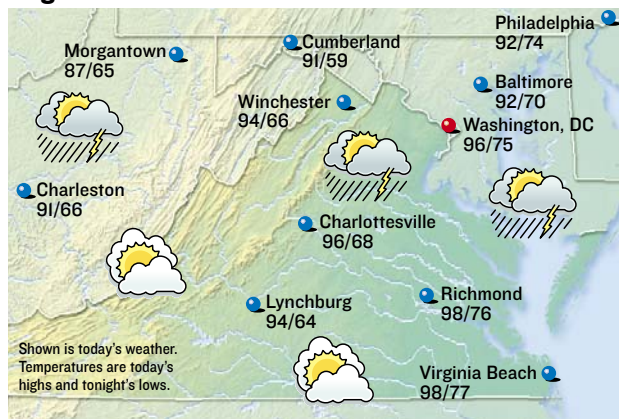


Across the nation, Troyer's tape was going to be looped during Rush Week.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Partly sunny, hot, a p.m. t-storm	Partly cloudy, a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a thunderstorm, hot	Cooler, a thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
96°	75°	96° / 72°	85° / 72°	86° / 73°	89° / 73°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	94°
Low	77°
Normal high	89°
Normal low	71°
Average humidity	57%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.51"
Normal month to date	2.35"
Year to date	30.23"
Last year to date	16.50"
Normal year to date	21.62"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

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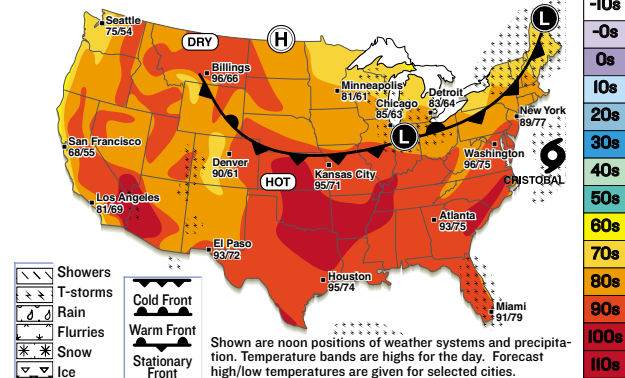
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, hot, humid, a thunderstorm. High 96. Wind south 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, a thunderstorm. Low 75.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:00 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:29 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:18 p.m.
Moonset today	9:15 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 25	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 16

National Weather for Monday, July 21



National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	93/75/pc	90/72/pc
Boston	84/70/t	86/68/t
Chicago	85/63/t	81/60/pc
Dallas	100/78/s	97/76/s
Denver	90/61/pc	93/63/t
Honolulu	89/77/s	90/77/pc
Los Angeles	81/69/s	82/63/pc
Miami	91/79/pc	90/77/t
New York City	89/77/t	89/76/t
Orlando	93/73/t	93/74/t
Seattle	75/54/pc	73/53/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Hi/Low	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Amsterdam	62/50/t	68/62/c
Athens	96/77/s	95/75/s
Berlin	56/44/t	64/50/sh
Buenos Aires	55/50/r	56/47/r
Calgary	84/55/s	70/49/pc
Dublin	65/53/sh	69/55/c
Geneva	72/47/s	73/50/pc
Moscow	78/62/pc	83/63/pc
Rome	84/61/pc	84/54/s
Sydney	61/45/pc	57/46/s
Tokyo	88/75/pc	90/77/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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ACROSS

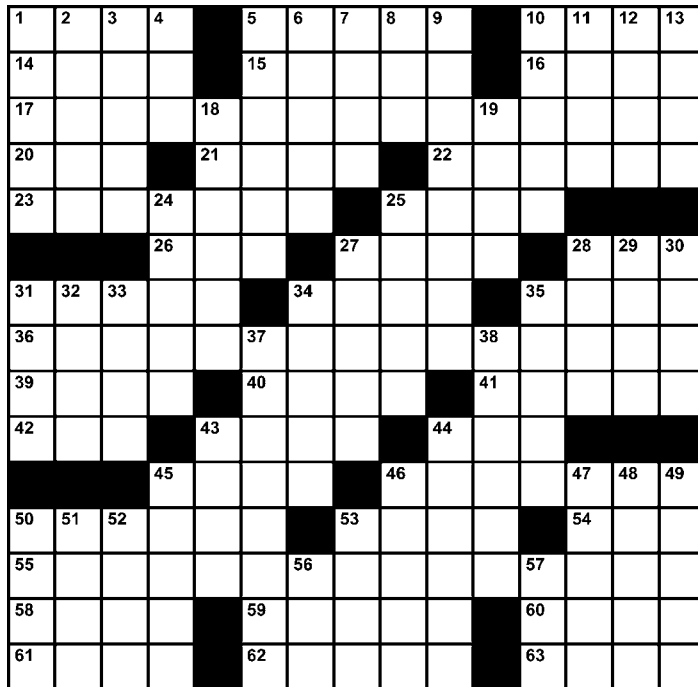
1 Frighten away
5 Brings in the harvest
10 Famous New Yorkers
14 Gull kin
15 Hawke in "Dead Poets Society"
16 Shower-gel additive
17 Pot of gold site
20 Ain't antonym
21 Penelope's frame
22 Kicks the bucket
23 Reflects
25 Related
26 Bit for the dog bowl
27 They may be kept on you
28 Vichy, for one
31 Present reasons for or against
34 It may be all around you
35 Whirled
36 Great serve?
39 Prepare wood for painting
40 Appearance
41 Soup scoop
42 Time of note
43 Buffalo bunch
44 U.N.'s
Hammar skjold
45 Cotton quantity
46 Covered a wall, in a way
50 Shoe section
53 Cargo measures

54 Before

55 Little that's visible
58 Pizzazz
59 Stressed-out
60 On open waters
61 Apportion
62 Stage direction
63 Williams and Kennedy

DOWN

1 Cooking method
2 Matisse or Rousseau
3 Waiter's notation
4 The woman of Lennon's "Woman"
5 Witty reply
6 Cultural values
7 "Did you forget about me?"
8 Eagle plus two
9 Light bite site
10 Massenet opera
11 Tyrrhenian Sea isle
12 Borrowed without permission
13 Keeps folks in stitches?
18 Broccoli bud
19 Rainbow goddess
24 Golf outing
25 Mouthpiece for Moses
27 Made a grand grander
28 Tater
29 Movement with a ripple
30 Sister of Charles
31 Cathedral recess



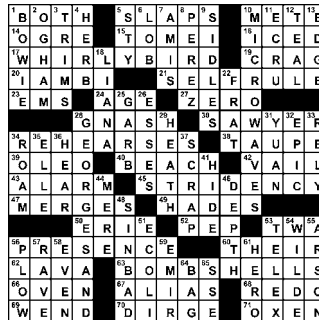
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32 Expression of pride?

33 Rock's co-star in "Strange Bedfellows"
34 Blazing
35 Theatrical platform
37 Folded dish (Var.)
38 Tick away
43 Bisection
44 One of Santa's reindeer
45 Frontiersman Daniel
46 Self-confidence

47 Baseball's Pee Wee
48 Went wrong
49 "The Dance Class" painter
50 News flash
51 River in a Christie title
52 Brief quarrel
53 Big top
56 Female lobster
57 Yankees find it offensive

Friday's Solution



SUDOKU | EASY

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su[do]ku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Friday's Solution

6	7	9	3	8	4	1	2	5
5	2	3	7	6	1	4	8	9
4	8	1	2	9	5	7	3	6
9	5	7	8	2	6	3	4	1
1	6	4	5	7	3	2	9	8
2	3	8	4	1	9	5	6	7
3	4	6	9	5	7	8	1	2
8	1	5	6	4	2	9	7	3
7	9	2	1	3	8	6	5	4

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